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Meeting with FEMA, State and Local Representatives on Offsite Emergency Preparedness Issues

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Agenda

- ☐ **Hostile Action-Based Drills**
- ☐ **Exercise Scenarios**
- ☐ **FEMA Guidance Revisions and Support of NRC Rulemaking**
- ☐ **Leverage Ongoing Initiatives of National Preparedness**
 - HSEEP
 - Integrated Planning System

Hostile Action-Based Drills

- ☐ **Primary issue identified during drills: Coordination between onsite (licensee) and offsite response organization (ORO) resources**
 - Licensees and OROs may have different protocols for responding to hostile action based events
 - Additional Federal agency resources (e.g., FBI, DHS, DOE) will need to be included

- ☐ **REP Program exercise requirements will need to still be demonstrated through an alternate means (if not during the biennial exercise) for FEMA to maintain “reasonable assurance”.**

- ☐ **In-Progress Review (IPR) planned for late September 2008**
 - Provide status to and solicit additional input from stakeholders
 - Exact date and location TBD

Exercise Scenario Design and Development

- ❑ **Task Force is proposing to increase scenario realism within the 6-year exercise cycle to include:**
 - “No” or minimal release
 - Variance of release conditions (e.g., ground, elevated, puff, continuous)
 - Non-sequential escalation of Emergency Classification Levels (ECLs)
 - Relax the need to escalate to General Emergency at every exercise
 - Incorporate hostile action, local hazards, and seasonal conditions into exercise schedule

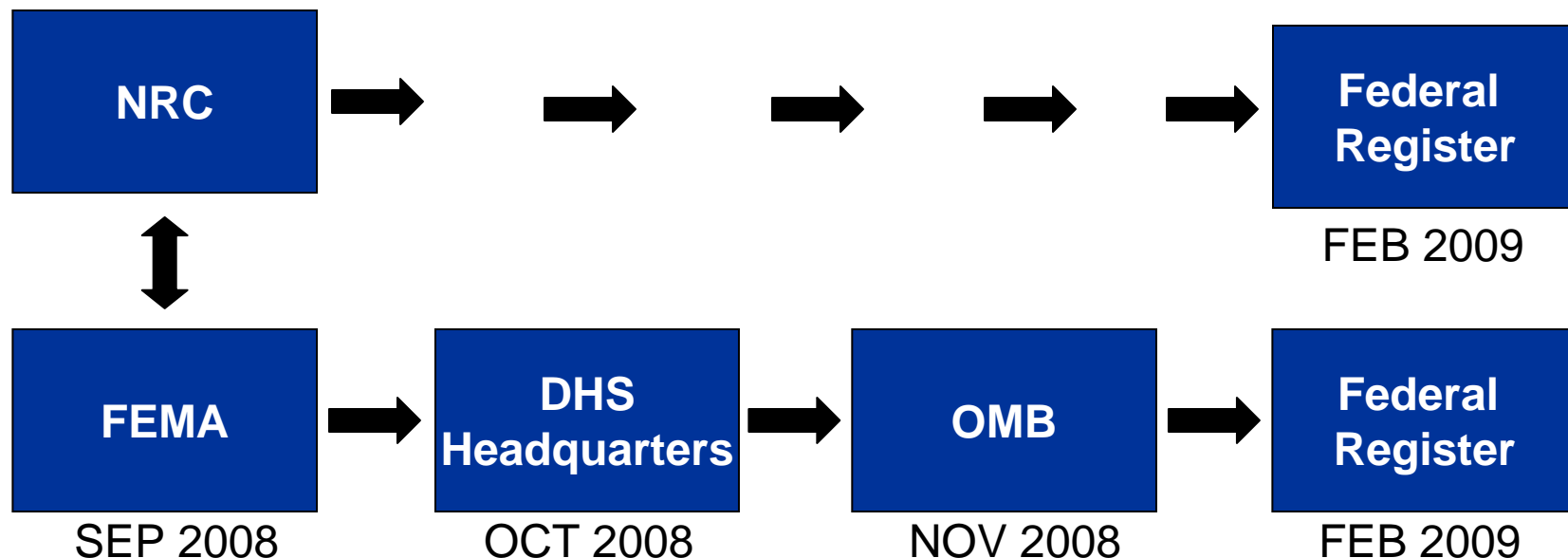
- ❑ **Issues resulting from exercise scenario changes:**
 - Exercises will need to balance hazards (e.g., natural, technical, hostile action) while preserving the essential objectives that form the basis of ‘reasonable assurance’ core to the REP program
 - Incorporating all hazards events into REP presents new functions and criteria to evaluate that are not currently addressed in REP exercises and in some cases require development of success criteria
 - Balancing increased flexibility into the development of scenarios and extents of play for REP exercises

- ❑ **Grant constructive credit for other exercise and real life events**
 - Incorporate the tenets of HSEEP
 - Guidance on this will be included in the Draft REP Program Manual

FEMA Guidance Revisions and Support of NRC Rulemaking

- ☐ **Goal is to align NRC rulemaking and FEMA guidance revisions with current national preparedness initiatives**
- ☐ **Update of REP Program Manual will be NIMS and HSEEP compliant, incorporate Hostile Action Based initiating events and allow for scenarios that reduce predictability**
- ☐ **FEMA/NRC relationship has evolved to ensure alignment**
 - FEMA/NRC Exercise Scenario Task Force
 - Joint FEMA/NRC effort to solicit and incorporate stakeholder feedback
 - Accelerated rulemaking process
- ☐ **Strategy to preserve these efforts following the election under development**

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